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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
FOR ATOMIC ENERGY

SUBJECT: Armed Forces Special Weapons Project

1. I understand that the Staff Officers' Orientation Course at Sandia Base, New Mexico, conducted by the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, would meet the requirement of our Board of National Estimates for basic orientation in the field of atomic energy.

2. I would very much appreciate it, therefore, if you would approve the inclusion of members of the Board in the periodic classes conducted at Sandia. Currently some seven persons, all of whom have Q clearance, are involved. Our only continuing requirement would arise from the normal turnover in Board membership which, on an annual basis, is about two.

3. If you approve in principle, we could send one or possibly two initially. On the basis of this experience we could reappraise the requirement of the remaining members of the Board for this course. Dr. William L. Langer, our Assistant Director for National Estimates [redacted] extension [redacted] will be glad to provide any detailed information required by your office.

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